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RE: Supporting Senate Bill 1087 Criminal Forfeiture

The sexual exploitation and victimization of children falls in the most serious categories of offenses handled by Law Enforcement. It's one area where Idaho's Law Enforcement can be proactive in seeking out those responsible through task force groups like the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

These are delicate cases that require an intricate amount of detailed work to collect the evidence and identify victims to free them from these types of crimes. Most of this work centers around technology and electronic devices with complicated and infinite layers of data for investigators to sift through and make certain it is not re-released to victimize children all over again. In some cases, the perpetrators are found to engage in this criminal behavior for financial gain that not only increases their technical resources to conceal it from Law Enforcement but contributes to their overall lifestyle on the backs of victimized children.

The Idaho Fraternal Order of Police have taken a strong position of support on any measure that brings these types of criminals to justice and protects our children. Accountability from the suspects will never heal the victims and families affected by these actions, but it greatly affects their ability to create new victims. When criminals are caught building assets on the backs of child victims to further criminal enterprises they should be prevented from benefiting from those assets in the future.

The members of the Idaho FOP appreciate your hard work and the opportunity to be a resource for our citizen legislators to make informed decisions. We humbly ask you to support Senate Bill 1087.

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RE: Support of Senate bill 1058

The Idaho Fraternal Order of Police supports Senate bill 1058 as we believe it is important to hold drivers accountable for recklessness that results in great bodily harm to another person. This bill would make it a felony to cause serious injury to another while driving recklessly or in a distracted manner, which we believe is wholly appropriate.

Law Enforcement Officers throughout the state respond regularly to serious injury crashes that leave victims wheel chair bound and doomed to a life of pain and disability. Treatment for these injuries can leave victims liable for medical and living expenses not easily recoverable through the misdemeanor restitution process.

For example, one of our "brothers in blue" was run over by a distracted driver on their cell phone. This brave officer suffered debilitating injuries that changed his life, and by extension his family's life, forever. The driver was charged with a misdemeanor, the only appropriate charge based upon current law. While we agree that merely driving distracted or recklessly only warrants misdemeanor charges, behavior that resulted in a serious injury warrants a higher penalty.

The Idaho Fraternal Order of police is made up of over 2500 law enforcement professionals from across this great state and we are proud to support this legislation.

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